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FOR PHELAN FROM JURICH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, EC

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: MFA

REF: BRUSSELS 8602

1. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP STATUS YOUR FURTHER EFFORTS REMOVE ARTICLE 4
ISSUE DISCUSSED REFTTEL FROM AGENDA NOVEMBER TSB MEETING.

2. REQUEST YOU BEGIN FOLLOWING APPROACH ASAP TO CLARIFY US
POSITION ARTICLE 4 QUESTION WITH TSB AND OTHER IMPORTANT
MEMBER STATES PREPARATORY TO EFFORT BY US TO AVOID INCLUSION
THIS ISSUE IN AGENDA OR, FAILING THAT, TO DEMOLISH COMMUNITY
ARGUMENTS AT TSB MEETING.

A. CONTACT EACH MEMBER TSB (OTHER THAN EC) LOCATED IN GENEVA
AND SPELL OUT FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE AND ALL OTHER AVAILABLE
MATERIALS THE FULL BASIS FOR US VIEW THAT ARTICLE 4 DOES NOT
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REQUIRE ANY DEGREE OF SELECTIVITY. WE RECOMMEND PARTICULAR

EMPHASIS ON STATEMENT READ BY JURICH AT CRITICAL LAST SESSION ON ARTICLE 4 HELD BY SELECT NEGOTIATING GROUP OF SEVENTEEN. RELEVANT PORTIONS THAT STATEMENT INCLUDED IN JURICH MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD BEING REPEATED INFO TO YOU. AS YOU RECALL, ALL OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNITY EMPHASIZED OUR CONCERN THAT FULL COMPREHENSIVES MUST BE PERMITTED AND THIS BASIS UPON WHICH WE ACCEPTED ARTICLE 4. COMMUNITY AND OTHERS WERE WELL AWARE OF THESE VIEWS AND ENTERED NO OBJECTION AT ANY TIME TO FINAL US STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION. EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ARTICLE 3 SELECTIVE AGREEMENTS SOUGHT BY CANADIANS AND ARTICLE 4 COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS SOUGHT BY US IS KNOWN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

B. ADVISE TSB MEMBERS (OTHER THAN EC), ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEGOTIATIONS, I.E., INDIA, PAKISTAN AND JAPAN, OF DETERMINATION OF US TO SEE THAT BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS IN GENEVA ARE CARRIED OUT AND THAT US POSITION ON ARTICLE 4 IS ABSOLUTELY UNCOMPROMISING SINCE THIS WAS PART OF AGREEMENT. US POSITION WELL KNOWN TO THESE COUNTRIES AND WE BELIEVE ALL WILL AGREE OUR INTERPRETATION GIVEN THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY. COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT SILENCE ON THEIR PART DURING ANY DISCUSSIONS THIS ISSUE IN TSB AND, FURTHERMORE, THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT PRIOR TO TSB MEETING IN INDICATING TO THE SECRETARIAT AND TO COMMISSION THAT THEY SUPPORT THE US VIEW BASED ON THE NEGOTIATING RECORD. WE CANNOT AGREE THAT FACT THESE COUNTRIES FACE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC IS REASONABLE BASIS FOR THEM TO REMAIN SILENT ON AN ISSUE OF SUCH FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF THE MFA. UNDERMINING ARTICLE 4 UNDERMINES US PARTICIPATION IN MFA AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO GO FORWARD WITH FUTURE LIBERALIZATION AS WELL AS TO MAINTAIN LIBERALIZATION ALREADY GRANTED. THIS NOT SIMPLY QUESTION BETWEEN EC AND US BUT BASIC QUESTION OF GOOD FAITH IN IMPLEMENTATION OF MFA OBLIGATIONS WHICH AFFECTS ALL PARTICIPANTS. WE PARTICULARLY WANT TO STRESS TO INDIA, PAKISTAN AND JAPAN REPS OUR DESIRE THEIR SUPPORT AS MATTER OF GOOD FAITH IN INTERPRETATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

3. BRIEF BODNER HERMAN CONVERSATION INDICATES HONG KONG MOST WILLING COOPERATE THIS ISSUE AS DORWARD'S VIEW SAME AS OURS. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. RE REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ERNIA JOHNSTON TO COORDINATE YOUR EFFORTS REQUESTED BRUSSELS.

5. JURICH DOES NOT PLAN IMMEDIATE TRIP TO EUROPE BUT WILL ADVISE FURTHER APPROACH TO TAKE IN EVENT MATTER IS NOT REMOVED FROM TSB AGENDA NOVEMBER 13 MEETING. SNEIDER

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